**Training of Railways Officers abroad**

14025. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Officers are sent abroad for training by the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether representation of Backward Classes/Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes is kept in view, while making nominations for such training;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of officers sent for training by the Ministry, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The policy instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training on the subject are kept in view while nominating officers for training abroad.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The number of officers sent for training by the Ministry, during the last five years are as under:—

| Year | No. |
|---|---|
| 1997 | 79 |
| 1998 | 87 |
| 1999 | 128 |
| 2000 | 73 |
| 2001 | 51 |

**Construction work at Habibganj Railway Station**

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† 4026. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction work at Habibganj railway station of Bhopal is likely to be completed, as per the original project; and

(b) whether any time-period has been fixed tor the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Construction of Habibganj station has already been completed as per original plan.

(b). Does not arise.

**Corporatisation of Railways**

4027. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rakesh Mohan Committee's recommendation to corporatise the Railways has been rejected by the Ministry of Railways;

(b) if so, the main seasons therefor;

(c) whether the expert group has suggested conversion of Indian Railways into an Indian Railway Corporation, if the Railways were to improve their financial and service performance; and

(d) if so, what other steps the Railway have taken to improve the financial and Service performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. The Committee of officers examining the Report is yet to submit their views.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, Si.

(d) Other steps being taken for improving the financial and service perform ance include the following:

(i) Tap non-traditional sources of revenue, e.g. commercial utilisation of land, commercial publicity etc.

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